

and great golfer. He is a family man—a wonderful and devoted father and grandfather. He would do anything for his family and friends and has touched the lives of many who will never be able to meet or thank him.

Jack worked for many years as a volunteer on the Hamilton Healthcare System Board of Trustees in Dalton and is now an honorary trustee. For all of his charitable giving and hard work, the hospital named the “Bandy Parking Plaza” in honor of Jack. He is the backbone of his Methodist Church and has worked on the board of the United Way. With his Junior Achievement honor, it is clear that Jack is devoted to educating young people at all levels, but he has also endowed the Bandy Chair in Preaching at Emory University, and the gym at Dalton State College is named for him.

Jack Bandy is a class act who is well loved in work and at home. He is interested in the lives and achievements in others and will be embarrassed that I am honoring him today. But I feel I would be remiss if I did not honor him for his achievements and sacrifices. He has given a great deal of his time and money to make Dalton, the State of Georgia, and our Nation a better place to live.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CHELSEA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Chelsea, SD. Chelsea is a rural community in Faulk County. Small towns like Chelsea are part of the backbone of our wonderful State.

Chelsea originally began in the middle of a wheat field, where extensions of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroads met. There are competing stories for how the town was named. One says that Chelsea was named after the borough of London, one that it was named for a landowner in Chelsea, OK, and another that says it was named for someone from Chelsea, MA.

The first building to go up in Chelsea was two-story poolhall and saloon, built by H.E. Batteen. Other businesses soon followed. By 1909, there were 30 businesses in Chelsea, including a post office, weekly paper, bank, butcher, lumber yard, and drug store. There were at least three churches, including the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which is still active today.

The area in which Chelsea is situated has both fertile farmland and excellent fishing and hunting. In particular, the area is known for its great pheasant shooting and the numerous hunting lodges that dot the landscape around Chelsea.

Small communities such as Chelsea do not always get the attention that they deserve, but it is places like Chelsea that help to maintain South Dakota's agricultural roots and deep-seated character. I am proud to honor Chelsea

on its 100th anniversary, and I am confident that the next 100 years will bring still more progress and prosperity.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of one of South Dakota's great cities, Aberdeen. Aberdeen is the third largest city in the State, and the county seat of Brown County. Aberdeen boasts a robust economy, first-rate hospital, two 4-year universities, art, culture, shopping, and outdoor recreation. Taken all together, Aberdeen has an exceptional quality of life, and things are only getting better for this dynamic city.

Aberdeen was founded in July of 1881 with the arrival of the Milwaukee Railroad and takes its name from the home town of the Milwaukee Railroad's Scottish President, Alexander Mitchell. As more railroads came into the area, Aberdeen became known as the “Hub City,” referring to its role as a busy intersection for trainlines. Aberdeen's citizens are justly proud of their city's history, and they have undertaken numerous successful projects designed to preserve and celebrate this heritage. The city's many historic attractions include the Granary Rural Cultural Center, Dacotah Prairie Museum, and J.L. Zeitlow Telephone Pioneer Museum, among others. In addition, Aberdeen is home to and promotes a lively and renowned antique market.

Perhaps Aberdeen's most famous early resident was Lyman “Frank” Baum, who would eventually write “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.” During his time in Aberdeen, Baum owned a store, Baum's Bazaar and later edited The Aberdeen Saturday Pioneer. Many believe that Baum's description of Kansas in “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” was based on his time in Aberdeen. Storybook Land, a theme park based on “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,” commemorates Baum. Another nationally known figure from Aberdeen in more recent times is former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

Other institutions in the Aberdeen area include two 4 year universities, Northern State University and Presentation College; a top flight medical center, Avera St. Luke's Hospital; Wylie Park recreational area; and of course plenty of good hunting and fishing.

Aberdeen combines the warmth and friendliness of a small town with the cosmopolitanism associated with larger communities. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Aberdeen, and to offer my congratulations to the residents of the city on this historic milestone. As the city motto states, Aberdeen is indeed “A Great Place to Live.”●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MELLETTE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Mellette, SD.

Mellette was incorporated into South Dakota in 1881, with the first store opening the same year. The community was named after Arthur Mellette, the first governor of South Dakota. By 1882, Mellette was a thriving town with 39 businesses including doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. The Western Enterprise was the first newspaper in Mellette, and by the time publication ended in 1941, the newspaper was the oldest, continuous paper in Spink County.

Today, Mellette is the home of 240 residents, 8 businesses, churches, and other civic organizations. The Mellette Volunteer Fire Department, established in 1895, still keeps residents safe. Northwestern Elementary, Middle, and High Schools also call Mellette home.

I am pleased to announce that Mellette celebrated its 125th anniversary with a community celebration on May 26 to 27. There were numerous events, such as karaoke, a flea market, a parade, an antique tractor pull, a horseshoe tournament, kid's games, and a Harley motorcycle raffle, followed by a community supper. A historical display included “Old Time” Mellette videos. The festivities were a fitting celebration to honor a wonderful community.

I am proud to publicly honor Mellette on this memorable occasion. After 125 years, Mellette still exemplifies what it means to be a great South Dakota community.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the city of Groton, SD, and to recognize the 125th anniversary of its founding.

Groton was founded in 1881 in Brown County. Still standing from those early days is Trinity Episcopal Church which was built in 1884 as a place for the newly formed town to come together and gather as a community. Groton now has six churches and multiple gathering places to house its growing and thriving community.

Groton is home to the Granary Rural Cultural Center. Groton's commitment to fine arts and culture shines through in this establishment where art shows from artists from both North and South Dakota are on display. The Granary Rural Cultural Center not only promotes the arts, but also the heritage of those living in the Dakotas while celebrating and caring for the land.

One of the most notable pieces of Groton's history took place in 1923 when \$1,000 was stolen from the First